(c) whether it is a fact that such foreigners are involved in acts which are detrimental to the country's security; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken to deport them from India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Information is being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House.

News item caption "Calcutta, the city of the child labourers"

216. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Calcutta, the city of the child labourers" which appeared in Indian Express of the 14th May, 1987;

(b) if so, whether there is any lack of machinery to enforce laws protecting the child labour in that region; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to give protection to the child labour in that region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government which is the appropriate Government for enforcement of the laws relating to child labour in most occupations/processes has not reported any lack of enforcement machinery.

(c) Government has taken the following steps for the protection and benefit of child labour:

(1) The Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act was passed in 1986 to prohibit the employment of children in certain occupations/processes and regulate the employment of children in others.

(2) Several voluntary organisations have been given financial assistance for taking up projects to benefit child labour.

(3) A national Child Labour Programme consisting of pilot projects in child labour concentration has been started. One project for the children working in the match industry in Sivakasi is in operation.

Specifically in Calcutta, Government has given financial assistance to the Institute of Psychological & Educational Research, a voluntary agency based in Calcutta to take up two projects to give non-formal education, health care and nutrition to the child workers of North, South and Central Calcutta.

Pollution caused by sugar factories in Sangli, Maharashtra

217. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey to find out the extent of pollution caused by industries, specially by sugar factories in Sangli in Maharashtra, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) if not, whether Government propose to take any steps to check pollution being caused by sugar factories in Sangli?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An All India Survey was conducted including Maharashtra for implementation of Minimal National Standards for Sugar Industry. The factories in Maharashtra in general and particularly those of Sangli have effluent treatment facilities for effluent treatment in anaero-

bic lagoons. One such unit at Sangli is having certain deficiencies in its system, as it did not have arrangement for disposal of treated waste water. At present a scheme is under implementation at a cost of Rs. 120 lakhs to dispose of treated wastes through an irrigation system.

SAARC meeting

218. PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how far was the recent SAARC meeting able to achieve its objectives;

(b) whether there has been any progress in regional cooperation on economic issues and if so, what is the outlook in this regard; and

(c) whether it is a fact that professional contacts through non-Governmental agencies are being promoted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) To a considerable extent.

(b) Yes, Sir. It is expected that such cooperation will expand further.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Promotion of tourism in Rajasthan

219. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state the financial allocation made by the Central Government for the promotion of tourism in Rajasthan during the Seventh Five Year Plan Period, scheme-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): The Ministry of Tourism does not allocate funds Statewise but schemewise. The Ministry gives financial assistance to States on the basis of proposals received from State Governments, subject to merits of the case, availability of funds and inter-se priorities. However, during the 7th Five Year Plan Period, the following projects have been sanctioned for Rajasthan so far:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the Scheme	Amount Sanctioned
(i) Improvement and modernisation of Indra Ghat and Karni Ghat at Pushkar	12.99
(ii) Mawar Festival	8.80
(iii) Provision of mini buses/Jeeps for Alwar, Ranthambor and Bharatpur Wild Life Santuaries	4.77
(iv) Boats for Fatch Sagar, Lake, Udaipur	3.94
(v) Camel Safari in Thar Desert	7.20
(vi) Cafeteria at Tal Vriksh	5.92